

Attorney Docket No. LNUP:113US
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/823,297
Reply to Office Action of September 25, 2006
Date: November 21, 2006

Remarks/Arguments

The Objection to Claims 2, 3, 5, 11, 14-16, 20, and 25

The Examiner has objected to Claims 2, 3, 5, 11, 14-16, 20, 25 because of minor informalities. More specifically, the Examiner has objected to: Claims 2, 11, and 15 because it was unclear whether “an outer front wall” as set forth in Claims 2 and 15 and “an inner front wall” as set forth in Claim 11 were part of “a front wall” as set forth in Claim 1; Claims 3 and 16 because “the clamping lever” recited in these claims should be, “the at least one clamping lever”; Claim 5 because “the knife support element” lacked positive antecedent basis; Claims 14 and 25 because it was insufficiently clear whether they were directed to a collection element or a rotary microtome; and, Claim 20 because “the inner front wall” lacked positive antecedent basis.

Applicants have amended Claims 2, 11 and 15 from “an outer front wall” to recite “the front wall,” and have amended Claim 11 to include the rotary microtome “further comprising an inner front wall...,” thereby clarifying the distinction between the front wall and the inner front wall. Claims 3 and 16 have been amended to recite “the at least one clamping lever,” as recommended by the Examiner. Additionally, Applicants have amended Claims 5 and 20 to recite positive antecedent basis for “knife support element” and “inner front wall”, respectively. Lastly, Applicants have amended Claims 14 and 25 to clarify that both Claims 14 and 25 are intended to be directed to a collection element and not a rotary microtome.

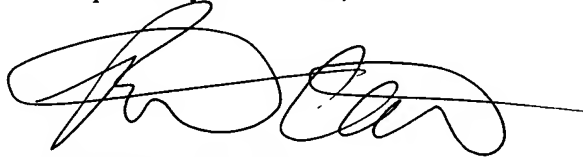
Applicants courteously submit that Claims 2, 3, 5, 11, 14-16, 20, 25 have been amended according to Examiner’s recommendations, and are now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that, with the amendments submitted with this Reply, the present application is now in condition for allowance, which action is courteously requested. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned agent of record if such contact will facilitate an efficient examination and allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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